

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 6, and claims 24 to 46, are pending in the application.

Claims 1 and 3 have been amended.

Claims 7 to 23 have been withdrawn from the application.

New claims 24 to 46 have been added to provide the Applicant with a scope of protection commensurate with the disclosure.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

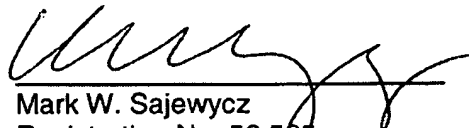
The Examiner has rejected claims 1 to 6 under 35 USC § 102 (e) as being anticipated by Yunovich et al. In response, the Applicant submits that claims 1 to 6 and 24 to 46 are patentably distinguishable over Yunovich et al. In particular, amongst other the things, unlike the invention as defined by claims 1 to 6 and 24 to 26, Yunovich et al does not contemplate using a metal coupon including a crevice, and measuring a cathodic protection indication within the crevice, in their subject method.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including fees for the additional claims, which may be required to Deposit Account No. 07-1750.

Favourable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

G. I. Russell & Company Ltd.


Mark W. Sajewycz
Registration No. 52,525

Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP
Suite 1600, 1 First Canadian Place
100 King Street West
Toronto, Ontario
Canada M5X 1G5
(416) 862-7525

[TOR_LAW\6414271\1]